Address to readers

Dear colleagues,

In front of you is the next number of BulNoso Academy's publications - this handbook is dedicated entirely to hand hygiene in medical practice. We are glad to provide you with this first manual in Bulgarian, as a source of contemporary information on the problem and, most importantly, as an instrument to implement the innovative strategies and approaches recommended by the WHO.

We wish you success!

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